Orientation week great success

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Before the news of the Ben Johnson steroid scandal, Niagara students came out in droves to show their support for the Olympic gold medallist. More than 2,000 names adorned the poster made by Student Administrative Council president Randy Conlon. Undeterred by this week's news, Randy and Felix Lostracco, social convener, will still go to Scarborough to present the poster to Ben.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Future may see college residence

Jacqueline Robarts believes a residence at Niagara College may be a reality in the future.

Commentary on the provincial government announcement that community colleges will be allowed to build residences, said a residence would be a good idea, but the Board of Governors is not ready to make a bid for government funds as yet.

"We don't have enough information," she said. "The government is offering $100 million but we don't know the split, if we are expected to come up with half the money."

But she did not discount the possibility of Niagara's own student housing.

"We are hopeful that somewhere along the way ... we may be looking at a college residence."

SAC APPROVES

Randy Conlon, Student Administrative Council president, believes a residence at Niagara College would be a worthwhile idea. SAC has sent a letter to the Board of Governors requesting they learn more about the provincial government's proposal and consider building a college residence.

Randy said he thought a Niagara residence could be a really good idea. "It would boost enrolment and allow for good interaction. I'd like to somehow tie a student centre in with the residence."

He said a residence at Niagara should definitely be looked into by the board.

Lyn McLeod, Minister of Colleges and Universities, said the new policy is an answer to the growing popularity and specialization of the province's 22 community colleges. It also fits into the government's over-all housing policy, and should help get students out of low-cost units so they are available for low-income earners.

NO GRANTS

Mrs. McLeod said there would be no construction grants but the $100 million in low-interest loans will be made available to finance residence mortgages. The ministry had no set priorities but it is up to individual schools to take the initiaitive.

Miss Robarts said she had never been aware of housing problems at the college.

"Most of our students are local people, so they aren't looking for accommodations. But now, more students are going to college outside their commuting area."

Before this, only Northern Ontario colleges were permitted to build residences.

Lost his gold

SAC supports Ben despite drug claims

Niagara College students flocked to sign a banner congratulating Ben Johnson on his Olympic victory. Then came Monday night and the tragic disappointment. But the Student Administrative Council is going ahead with its plans to present the banner to Ben.

"We supported him then and we should still support him," Randy Conlon, SAC president, said.

The banner, reading "Niagara College congratulates Ben Johnson. We're so proud. 9.79!" was Randy's idea. He spent Sunday in the SAC office making it.

"I've never seen as much student participation at Niagara," he said. "Every time I looked out the door people were signing it." The banner hung outside the SAC office for eight hours and was signed by about 2,000 people at the college.

The Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter set a world record of 9.79 seconds for the 100 metre dash on Saturday. But on Monday he tested positive for the drug Stanozolol, an anabolic steroid, was stripped of his gold medal, and banned from competing any further in the Olympics.

The original purpose of the banner was to show support for Ben in his moment of triumph and "because Ben's winning was such an incredible accomplishment for Canada," Randy said.

Although SAC was "very disappointed," they "don't know whether to believe it or not."

Felix Lostracco, social convener, and Randy are going to Scarborough next week to take the banner to Ben's home.

Randy's original plan for giving the banner to Ben was to present it at the airport when Ben arrived back in Canada. However, Ben's unexpected early return made it necessary to change the plan.

Enrolment down 1 %

Despite the suspension or cancellation of seven programs at Niagara College, full-time enrolment is down only one per cent from last year.

As of mid-September enrolment at the college was 3,303, compared with 3,349 one year ago.

Programs dropped are: bilingual secretary, dental hygiene, chemical engineering technology, chemical engineering technician and mechanical engineering technician design, survey technician and library technician have been suspended.

Desmond McCurry, acting registrar, said other programs have accepted more students to keep enrolment around where it was last year.

Continuing education enrolment has increased 10 per cent. Class registrations have risen from 6,370 last year, to 6,903 this year in part-time studies. "We're doing very well there," Mr. McCurry said.

Because present enrolment is about the same as last year's government funding will not decrease to reflect the slightly lower number.

Academic consistency intention of changes

By BLAIR BURGESS and ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writers

The administrative changes for the 1988-89 college year should ensure more consistency in academic programs and their budgets, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

She is optimistic that they will be good for everyone at the college. "The whole objective is to give staff and students more opportunity to have input into the future of the college," she said in an interview last week.

Two vice-presidential posts have been created; Dr. Tony Knowles is vice-president academic, and Hans van der Slagt, vice president administration. Fred Habermehl has been appointed executive dean. All three report directly to Miss Robarts.

She prefers to have one academic head reporting to her as compared to last year's three. "Three academic heads tend to go their own route"

Dr. Knowles is responsible for all teaching programs. Miss Robarts thinks the specializing of Dr. Knowles' position will improve the quality of education at Niagara College.

ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE

"Our reason for being here is academic excellence," she said. "We want to try and improve the calibre of our students. Under one leader we stand a better chance of being successful in this."

Mr. van der Slagt will be concerned with the financial aspects of the college. "Mr. van der Slagt is the senior financial officer. He has a number of people reporting to him regarding finances, computers, property and plant opera-

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To the rescue

Rescuing a termite? Not quite. Rick Chandler (far left), an instructor in the ambulance and emergency care program, looks on as some of his students carry out a simulation in emergency care. If classes have to be held outside, they might as well be in sunny warm weather, where doing the drills is fun.

Photo by Eric Beyer

Keep doors locked

A recent theft from the S105 staff office has forced staff members to lock the doors at all times — even when teachers are present.

One English book and three dictionaries were noticed missing the first week of school.

Mary Lou Eden, a part-time English teacher, said this behavior is typical for this time of year. Mrs. Eden, whose dictionary was stolen, said her name was all over the dictionary.

"It's just plain stupid," she said."He doesn't dare bring it out." There is always one who will spoil it for the rest; the doors have never been locked before.

Because the office is being redecorated, anyone could have had access to the office at the time of the theft.

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College Council ready for campus elections

Nominations are to close next Friday for the College Council, a new body which has the mandate to advise the president.

The council, with 52 members including 13 students, should also improve "communication channels" within the college, Dr. Tony Knowles, who has been chairman of the organizing committee, said. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8.

The entire college community will be represented. The President's Operating Committee (POC) will have one member; faculty, 16; support staff, 11; administration, five; francophone, one; students, 11, with seven ex-officio members. Student ex officio members are the Student Administrative Council president or designate, Student Senate president or designate from St. Catharines campus, and maybe the past council president.

AFTER STRIKE

The idea for the council stems from the 1984 faculty strike and the issues surrounding it. Dr. Knowles said it was deemed then that "more open and accessible communication channels within the college" were needed.

This year's SAC president, Randy Conlon, has already begun the task of choosing student representatives. He has put up about 50 posters and relayed 500 letters to continuing education and part-time daytime studies students.

Nine students will be chosen by the nominating committee, consisting of Randy, social convener Felix Lostracco, vice-president of external affairs Peter Ruggiero, and student rep Elaine Wilson. The students will be chosen after each receives a 10 to 15-minute interview, tentatively scheduled between Sept. 28 and Oct. 21. Two additional students will be selected by the St. Catharines campus. By Wednesday, 12 students had submitted applications.

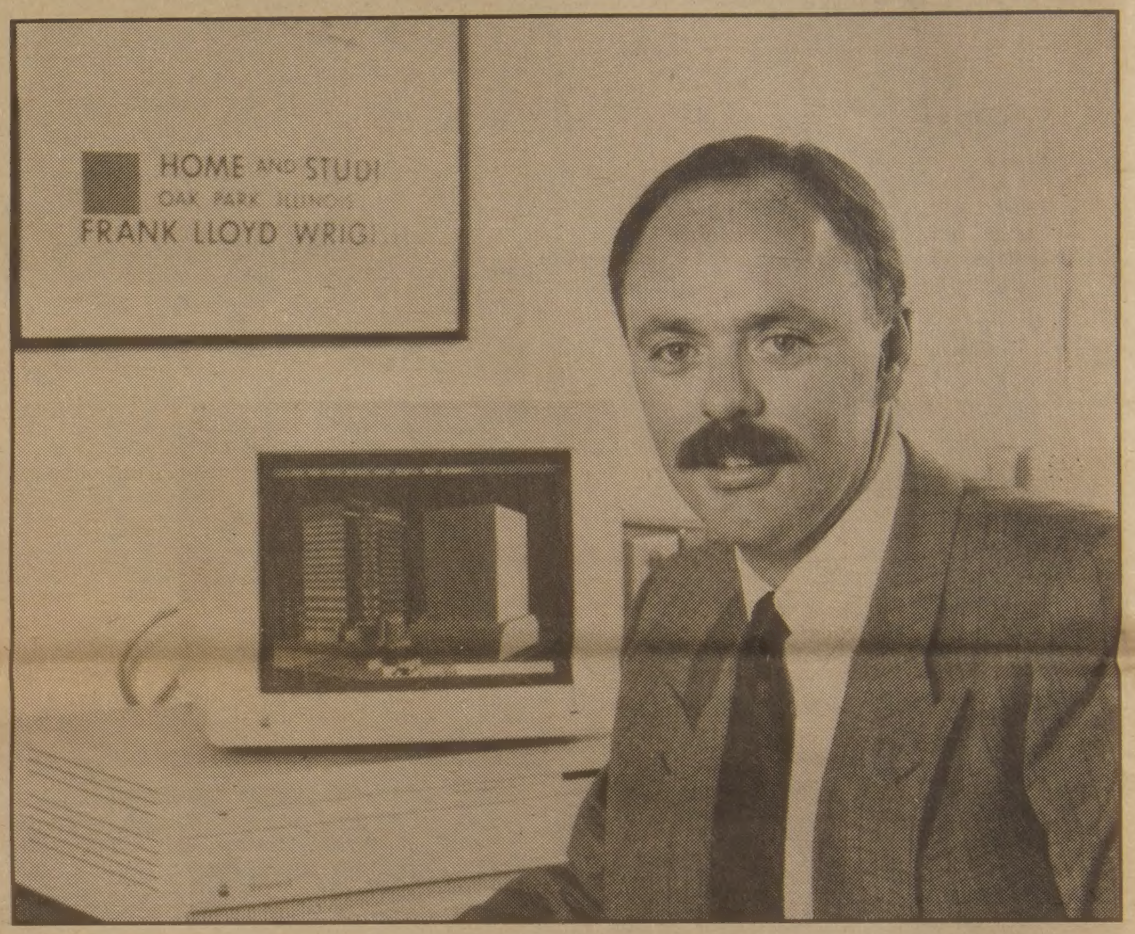
TO LEARN MORE

Randy said he started the school year not knowing a lot about the council, but since then he has tried to learn more. "I don't know enough about the College Council; or administrative procedures. However, I intend to do what I can to find out more and have as much input as I can to support the concerns of the students of this school."

Randy said that neither he nor SAC is approaching the upcoming meetings with a preplanned initiative.

"I think the College Council can be a good thing if it is taken seriously by its members and its suggestions are taken seriously by Jackie Robarts," Randy said.

PARTICIPACTION MAKES PERFECT



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Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs, shows his Shinerama technique as he gives Randy Conlon, SAC president, a buff. Niagara's sixth Shinerama held Sept.15 raised more than $4,000 for cystic fibrosis research, doubling efforts from last year. About 100 college students canvassed throughout the community.
Photo by Elaine Wilson

Shinerama doubles last year's success

More than $4,000 was raised by Niagara College students during Shinerama '88, doubling fund-raising efforts from last year.

Peter Ruggiero, the Student Administrative Council vice-president of external affairs, organized the Sept. 15 event, which placed students throughout the area, shining shoes and washing windows for cystic fibrosis research.

"I am absolutely ecstatic over the results," Peter said. "I can't tell you about all the joy and satisfaction I've felt for this campaign."

This year Shinerama successfully raised $4,100 for the charity, exceeding last year's total by $2,077.

One hundred students took part. Ten teams of 10 were sent to locations in Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, and Grimsby; McDonald's, Canadian Tire, libraries, hospitals, and intersections, were canvassed by the shiners.

Shinerama, celebrating its 25th year, raises money for research into cystic fibrosis, a disease affecting one in every 1,800 children in Canada. The disease slowly destroys the lungs and eventually causes death.

SIXTH YEAR

This is the sixth year Niagara College has participated in Shinerama, joining more than 60 Canadian colleges and universities.

"I've been planning this event for about five months," Peter said. "There was a conference in London, at the University of Western Ontario last May; that's where I found out how to run a campaign."

Over the past two years, $881,207 was raised in Canada, according to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF), with Niagara College contributing about $6,700.

"Last year's total was my motivation for doing so well this year — and we've succeeded."

FIRST, BREAKFAST

Niagara Shinerama '88 began with a kick-off breakfast at Gilligan's Roadhouse for all shiners. Students, representing many different programs, were bused to their assigned locations, provided with shoe-shine kits, window-washing materials, and collection boxes, all provided by the CCFF. The eight-hour day concluded with a pub at Gilligan's.

Peter said he had a lot of help organizing the special day.

"The Student Administrative Council helped me out a lot," Peter said. "They drove for me, confirmed locations, and lent moral support. Last weekend some of them even went to St. Catharines and washed some business windows."

Notice board displays jobs

Are you discovering that your summer job has left you financially unprepared for the school year? Ken Anderson, Niagara College's placement officer, has a bulletin board filled with part-time jobs that he can't get anyone to take.

Mr. Anderson's office has plenty of jobs available throughout the Niagara peninsula, he said in an interview. They range in salary from minimum wage to $6.50 an hour and offer flexible hours for the busy college student.

Mr. Anderson believes there are three reasons why so little interest is being shown in the available jobs: students made enough money during the summer; their work loads are too heavy; or they don't know that the jobs exist.

The bulletin board is located outside the placement office near the mini-cafeteria. The placement office also notifies program co-ordinators when employers are looking for students with particular skills.

On the day of the interview a sampling of jobs listed included a costumed sales associate required at Sears in St. Catharines and six lab technicians required at Inniskillin Wineries at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Notices on the board list details of the job, skills required, rate of pay, and whom to contact.

Mr. Anderson feels these part-time jobs can look well on a resume and he said, "I'm sure sometimes part-time jobs lead to full-time jobs."

Budget cuts add to health centre woes

Niagara College will no longer have a nurse available for health treatment at any of the campuses because of budget cuts.

The Board of Governors decided not to have any nurse since they did not have enough money in the budget to afford a full-time nurse, Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said.

Dr. Gerry Alexander will be available for appointments on the Welland Campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

"The people who made this decision are not aware of how important it is to students," Dr. Alexander said. "Every year the need for a nurse grows."

Dr. Alexander finds not having a nurse "very frustrating." Problems that a nurse could have taken care of are now in his hands. "I am doing five things at the same time."

EVERYONE SHOCKED

"I think everyone was shocked by the board's decision," Mrs. Ferguson said. "It's doing the students a great disservice." She is hopeful a nurse will be back on campus next year.

Foreign students have unique health problems with which Dr. Alexander has become familiar. "The students who used the service were happy," he said. Not having a nurse to help out, "takes away from the quality of care."

Dr. Alexander, who is paid by OHIP, said he has identified students with health problems. In the past he was able to followup and communicate with the students. Without a nurse to followup, this will take up time that could have been spent on other things. "We put in more time than OHIP gives us."

The service is "not only for students but for teachers," Dr. Alexander said. It is more effective for educating students. Rather than going off campus to receive medication, students could have it administered by a nurse. This saves the time of both teachers and students.

Eva Rose, Health Centre receptionist, said a lot of minor problems arise for which a nurse could give medication. Not having a nurse is an "injustice for students."

Several minor problems have already arisen this year that a nurse could have solved, Mrs. Rose said. In other years serious emergencies have occurred: epileptic seizures, fainting and severe cuts.

For 17 years the college has had a nurse available to the students for administering drugs, nutrition information, confidential health counselling and numerous other services.

Last year, a nurse was on the Welland Campus for 24 hours per week and a second nurse was on the St. Catharines campus full time.

Horticulture course to teach special skills

Only a specialized course can teach horticulture students the special business skills needed, program representatives told the Board of Governors Sept. 22.

Advisory committee chairman Gordon Randell proposed a new one-year post-diploma business operations course for the program. The board approved submission of the proposal to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

"The horticultural business is extremely hard-nosed and special management skills are required to run very complex operations," Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator said. "Our graduates out in the field need computer science, marketing and a better understanding of the business end."

The only start-up cost will be teacher salaries. The course will be staffed by part-time instructors: their total hours would add up to the cost of one additional full-time teacher. A member of the board indicated that this would cost $20,000.

The course would not have to run every year but would be offered according to demand. However, Mr. Mansfield felt there would be sufficient enrolment from both graduates of the program, graduates from other colleges, and people with experience in the field.

It was suggested by the board that horticultural students take the regular college business courses, but Mr. Mansfield said it was imperative the course be taught by horticulture experts who had rapport with the students.

Furthermore, the course would not fit into the regular business curriculum because of the conflict created by two days a week in class instruction and three days of work experience.

Decision meets industry needs

Peter Mansfield, horticulture co-ordinator, said the Board of Governors' decision to approve submission of a new one-year business operations course to the provincial Ministry is a direct response to the needs of the industry.

"In my opinion, if the industry hadn't been saying there was a need, we wouldn't have submitted the proposal," Mr. Mansfield said. The industry has become far too competitive and sophisticated to ignore these needs.

The one-year course will teach the business side of the horticulture industry with courses in computer techniques, different types of accounting, labor relations, and management techniques.

Mr. Mansfield hopes the program will attract applicants from other horticulture programs across Canada and the course will be limited to a maximum enrolment of 20 students.

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Editorials

Sick? Too bad!

The Niagara College Board of Governors cannot be serious. They have decided that Niagara College no longer needs a nurse — full or part-time — on any campus. Because of budget cuts, a full-time nurse could not be paid; unfortunately, the board decided to have no nurse at all. This shows little consideration for students' needs. It is doing students a disservice.

While a doctor is available to deal with medical problems, students must ensure that the problems occur only on a Tuesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon. Any other time, students will have to fend for themselves.

It is difficult to comprehend why the board would take a nurse away from students after nearly 17 years. In this time, nurses have administered everything from Band-aids and aspirin to allergy shots and emergency first-aid. The have provided counselling services . Nurses offered the quickest simplest ways for college students and instructors to receive medical care in an emergency.

The way it stands, Dr. Gerry Alexander, has more duties than he can handle. He must administer allergy shots, attempt to listen to students' problems, and keep the health centre running smoothly. Not having a nurse to help out takes away from the quality of care.

Having a nurse on campus is even important in the general education of students. Teachers were able to use the service instead of having to travel away from classes to get to an outside source.

Clearly, the board has ignored how important a nurse is to the welfare and safety of students. Perhaps a life-threatening incident this year will mean a nurse will be provided next year.

Julie Slack

Welcome back

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Niagara College.

To the students: we hope your summer was all you wished it to be and that this year will be all you wish it to be. We hope that you will let our Student Administrative Council help you make your year the best that it can possibly be by attending the many functions SAC offers for your benefit.

To the teachers: we hope you spent your summer relaxing and getting ready to deal with all of the students you will encounter in the year to come. We also hope that your year is as successful and rewarding as you want it to be, but remember, go easy on the homework so that students may take advantage of all of the great things available to them.

To the Janitorial staff: we realize that you have one of the most difficult tasks in the college — picking up after everyone. We are sure that no one ever tells you enough how much what you do is appreciated, but it is appreciated more than you could know. It is so nice to have clean rooms, halls and lounges in which to learn, work and relax. So we hope we speak for the whole college when we say "Thank you."

To all college administrators: we say thank you for making it all possible for us to be at Niagara in the first place; without you and your staff there would be no college to attend so, "Thank you!"

Shelley Moore

Letters to the editor

Conlon expresses appreciation

Dear Editor:

Now that the school year is in full swing and Orientation Week was a great success, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all those students who participated in the week's events — you were great.

This year the council decided to change from an Orientation Day to an Orientation Week, in the hope it would create greater student interaction. I have no regrets in making that change as I feel the week was a tremendous success.

I would also like to thank the members of council who put in countless hours of work over the summer in order to make the week possible. On the same note, I would like to extend a public thanks and congratulations to our vice president of external affairs, Peter Ruggiero.

Peter worked very hard to make Shinerama a success this year, and due to that hard work, along with tireless efforts of the over 100 volunteers, Niagara College was able to donate over $4,000 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

This amount doubled the amount raised by Niagara College last year. Again, thanks Peter and everyone else who contributed his or her efforts to a great cause.

I would like to thank Gilligan's Road House for all of their support during Shinerama.

I would also like to thank those members of the media department who co-operated with us day in and day out. There were times throughout the week when they were there with the required equipment on almost no notice.

The staff of the Niagara College bookstore should also be openly thanked. Throughout the summer they took the time to insert our Orientation Week Schedules inside each bag used to cart books.

The cafeteria staff deserves a thank-you on our behalf as they allowed us to store over 120 pounds of Jell-O in their refridgerators for two days.

A hearty thanks also goes out to the Aqua Duck, as they let us use their kitchen facilities to make that 120 pounds of Jell-O.

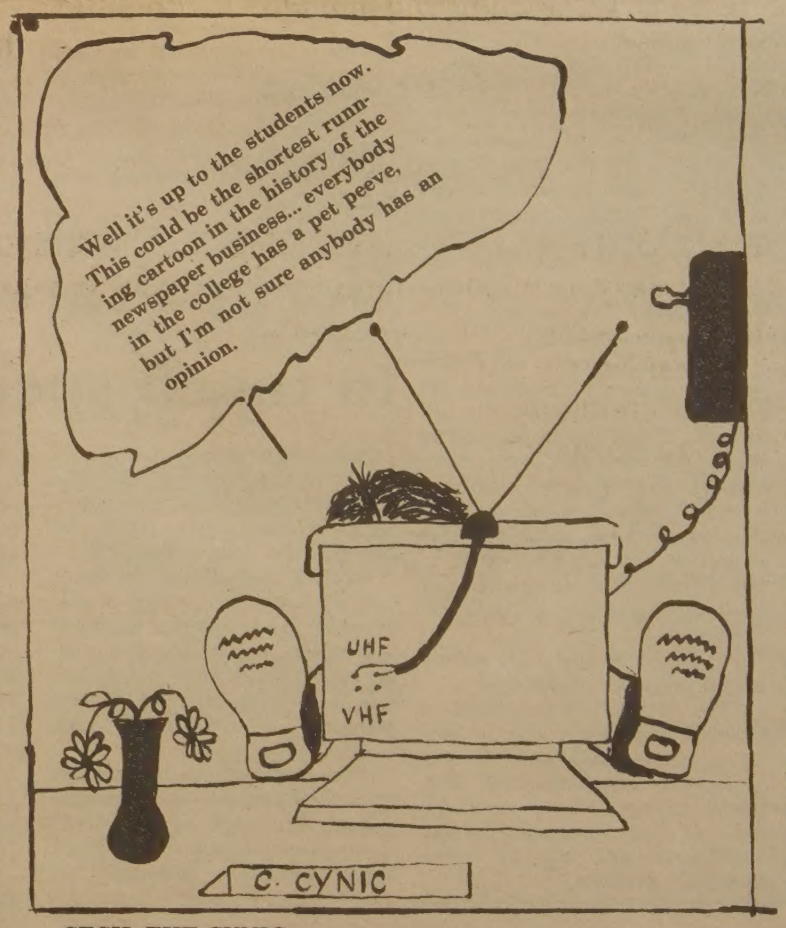
A very warm-felt thanks is given to all the students who volunteered in helping the council throughout the week. I would love it if I could name all of you, but there were just too many, therefore I won't mention any individuals. You know who you are and thanks.

I would like to thank the Niagara News for reporting and attending as many events as possible. I realize it was hard at that time of the year, but thanks for the coverage, we appreciate it.

But most of all I would like to thank those students who participated and got involved in Orientation Week '88. You are the unique individuals who make college life so rewarding. I can only hope that your enthusiasm and spirit continues throughout the year and that it rubs off on more students here at Niagara.

Again, a sincere thanks for all those deserving and if I have failed to mention anyone it is not through intent omission but rather my own incompetence. Thanks, everyone.

Randy Conlon
Student Council President


Well it's up to the students now. This could be the shortest running cartoon in the history of the newspaper business... everybody in the college has a pet peeve, but I'm not sure anybody has an opinion.
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CECIL THE CYNIC

by MARK TAYTI

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Cecil the Cynic is an open forum which will allow Niagara College students to voice their opinions about something in the College community that peeves them off. All comments must be expressed in a cynical but humorous way. All entries will be screened and published only at the discretion of the Editor-in-chief. No anonymous comment will be published. Comments must be submitted in person to the newsroom.

Increased foreign enrolment

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

More than 40 students from around the world have chosen Niagara College this year — one of the largest groups of international students ever at the college.

The students' interests are as far apart as the countries they are from. There are Libyans studying computer programming, seven students from Botswana in journalism-print, and Americans in horticulture. Ten countries are represented by interational students this year, including Antigua, Bahamas, China, India, Jamaica and Lebanon.

Coming from places so far away, some have had to attend orientation and culture classes to familiarize themselves with Canadian society, Hugo Bessems, international student adviser, said. Added to the pressures of everyday college life, they are in a strange and foreign land and must adapt to both school and community.

Mr. Bessems deals with cultural orientation by answering questions, giving directions, acting as tour guide and general confidante for those who need him.

George Repar, director of planning, research and development, attributed this year's high enrolment to the "expert training in education" and Niagara's special services that have gained the respect of the international community.

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Fine Arts settles into new home

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

The Fine Arts program moved from cramped quarters in a portable behind Hennepin Hall to the spacious Empire Street Centre in downtown Welland, five days before Orientation Day this September.

It was a frantic five days that turned into a month of nightmares.

Relocating an entire program and all its equipment required the assistance of faculty and students over the Labor Day weekend.

The centre was home to Theatre Arts for close to 17 years and much of their equipment was still there when the trucks with the Fine Arts stuff arrived. When there was no room left for storage, students spent overnight vigils guarding the loaded trucks.

Although thrilled with a larger facility Fine Arts, faculty and students were soon aware of the cost of the long-awaited space.

Seventeen years of accumulated dust, grime and other unmentionable filth had to be eliminated before setting up fine art and graphics equipment such as photographic and processing units, presses, and silk screens.

"I paid $915 tuition to get a $5 an hour job to get the facility ready," Richard Osborne said two weeks into the regular school year. Mr. Osborne, a second-year graphic fine artist, is joined by others in his program painting walls, scraping floors and moving furniture.

"Putting it lightly, all the students are upset that they are responsible for setting up," he said. "The place sat here all summer and could have been ready. We want to work, get on with our education like other students at the college."

Marci Ditor, first-year media and second-year graphics teacher, said it has been a crisis-to-crisis continuum."It was indescribable, you wouldn't have believed it. Now the dust is only on the windowsills, not in piles on the floor."

Most first-year classes are under way but those second-year classes requiring temperature controlled and dust-free environments will have to wait. A shortage of chairs and desks prevents full class capacity so work is completed haphazardly.

It has been all-for-one and one-for-all at the Empire Street Centre. There is no support staff and the closest person answers the phone.

"It's hard to be positive," Mr. Osborne said. "We're all just thinking about the pressure to get done and get working."

"We shall overcome as usual," Ken Cosgrove, program coordinator, said, with a grin.

Celebrating ½ century hoping for century

The newly formed Half Century Club held an inaugural dinner at the Rainbow Hotel Centre Sept. 21 for 22 Niagara College staff members who were born in 1938.

Organizers for the event were Barbara Fonfara, Conference Seminar Facilitator; Hugette Game, Secretary to French Language Services; and Sheila Cowan, Executive Secretary to the director of property and planning.

Mrs. Fonfara said the idea of the dinner was to get together and have a fun-filled evening celebrating the occasion.

Eleven of the 22 birthday guests attended the reception and were given 1938 Mickey Mouse commemorative glasses and a copy of the newspaper 50 and Over in Niagara. Guests of honor were treated to a rendition of Happy Birthday by the staff and students of the Rainbow Hotel Centre.

The next organized meeting of the Half Century Club is scheduled for 1993 and is being organized by George Repar, Director of Planning and Development; Rosemary Kuhnigk, Executive Secretary to the Vice-president of Administration; and Joan Chassie, Executive Secretary to the Executive Director of Financial Services.

This year's organizing committee is hoping to have a celebration in 2038 to commemorate reaching the one century mark.

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These two were jointly awarded the Innovation in Teaching Award last year by the Association of Community Colleges. The award is also thought to have helped Toshiba decide whom they would back as a corporate supporter.

Piconet is a term used to describe a network of pico(laptop)computers which can be connected by telephone to a host computer.

Mr. Duzmal said one aim of the project is to make education available for people who are unable to come to school because of their health, or because of other commitments

The computers, received over the summer, are being made available to first-year students in the program. In the past, they had to buy their own systems.

Greg Wilkinson, first-year student, said he would use the money he is saving for next year's tuition.

Greg summed up the significance of having the T-1000: "When you have it with you all the time, you can experiment and try to create."

Mike Gage, also a first-year student, said he liked the T-1000 because it is lightweight(6.4 pounds) and easy to carry around.

Not having to buy a computer has enabled Mike to start school a year earlier than expected.

The computers are on loan to the college, for one year, but Dave Sharples, sales manager at Toshiba Information Systems Division, described the donation as "the start of many projects to come".

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Busy Northern Pikes rock Welland

By ELAINE WILSON
staff writer

Move over James Brown. Hah! The Northern Pikes may just be the hardest working band in show business.

Last year, the Northern Pikes played 240 gigs promoting their last album and the experience proved to be valuable for the Saskatchewan band, who brought their outstanding roadshow to Welland.

Their new album, "Secrets of the Alibi," released on Virgin Records four weeks ago, portrays a new Northern Pikes, a band that has matured leaving teenland far behind.

Gone are the bubblegum songs of adolescent heartbreak; the new vinyl sports songs of growing up loneliness, and social injustices.

The four-menber band features lead singer/songwriter Jay Semko, who is slowly emerging as Canada's greatest music resource. Beside Jay stand bandmaster Merl Bryck, song writer, guitar and lead vocals; Bryan Potvin, lead guitar; and drummer Don Schmid.

The band opened to a laid-back near-capacity crowd at the Aqua Duck Sept. 14, but the mood swung drastically with contagious energy, to the fast-paced, non-stop, 90-minute set of original material.

New sound

The band's new sound is full of hard guitar licks, which allow Bryan to display his guitar excellence, bringing a gritty edge to the band, purposely overpowering the songs, drawing them to the edge of popdom.

The band's new image is an obvious change from the Pikes of the past; they are worn and wiser since the Big Blue Sky album, which had them cast as clean-cut farm boys trying to break loose from their prairie prison.

The most notable difference is their length of hair, in particular Jay, who looks more like a California surfer than a Saskatoon prairie pup.

Because the Northern Pikes are a young band, they are still searching for their niche, with their audience and in their music. For this reason, the band must continue to work on stage presence which appears forced, but improvement should come more naturally with more performances or as soon as they find their audience.

Wider appeal

One thing is certain, however, the new look and the new sound are definitely working for them as they gain wider appeal.

The Pikes played tunes from their four albums, including hits from their gold album Big Blue Sky, including Teenland and Things I Do For Money.

The audience of about 300 crowded the dance floor when the Pikes rolled into their encore with Dancing in a Dance Club and Big Blue Sky.

It is remarkable the Northern Pikes were able to play 90 solid minutes of original material considering they are such a young group of musicians. It is obvious from this performance that they have graduated to become seasoned veterans of the music industry.

Part of the reason for this is song-writer Jay, whose lyrics reflect a mature attitude.

He also sings songs chalked with humor and wisdom reflecting a new awareness of the world picture.

The Northern Pikes have reached far beyond the great Canadian landscape and have been making a name for themselves below the 49th parallel.

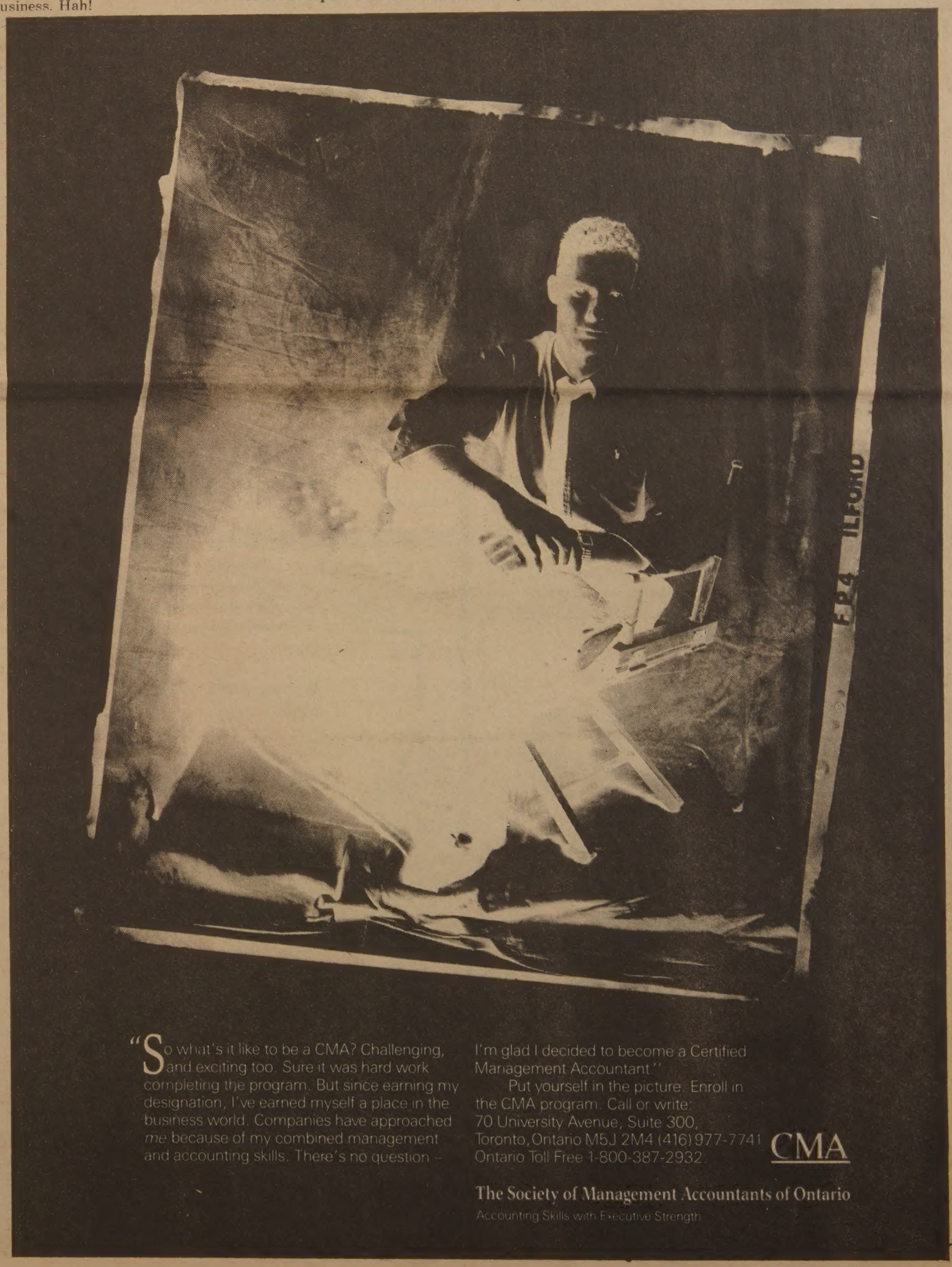
While promoting the Big Blue Sky album, the band opened for acts like The Fixx, The Alarm, Andy Summers with T'Pau, and two dates opening for the immortal David Bowie at the CNE, before audiences of 80,000 each night.

Along with this exposure, their new image, and sound, comes the pressure to be successful at all costs. The hope is that the Pikes will not sacrifice their song-writing and performance quality to reach pop stardom.

But the Northern Pikes seem to have too much integrity and too little time to indulge in such frivolities; after all they have a lot of work to do; they just may be the hardest working band in show business. Hah!

The Northern Pikes, the newest sensation in the Canadian music industry, brought their outstanding show to Welland Sept.14. The four-man band from Saskatoon played to an enthusiastic crowd of about 300 at the Aqua Duck. Bandmates Merl Bryck, Don Schmid, Bryan Potvin and Jay Semko have been travelling throughout Canada and the United States to promote their critically acclaimed fourth album, Secrets of the Alibi.

Photo courtesy of Virgin Records



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Felix Lostracco may have found an alternative to student life — professional jello wrestling. Felix, social convener, is shown here giving a body slam to first-year ambulance and emergency care student, Brent Stang; both took part in the jello wrestling fiasco held during Orientation Week. More than 65 kilograms of flavored jello were splattered over the college grounds, as about 80 students enjoyed the show.Photo courtesy of Claude Marcotte

Wrestling match gets sticky

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Some Niagara students may have found Orientation Week to be a little sticky, especially if they were involved in the jello wrestling competition held by the Student Administrative Council.

The event drew about 80 spectators that took one giant step backward when the jello began to fly.

The main event pinned Randy Conlon, SAC president and Felix Lostracco, social convener, as the "Ultimate President" and the "Macho Man", an intimidating duo donning a get-up that included war paint.

More than 65 kilograms of jello were made for the jello-fest; about 17 pails containing a variety of flavored gelatin were poured into the wrestling ring borrowed for the bout. "It was freezing," Randy said of the jello.

A DIFFERENT WELCOME

The jello wrestling was one of many events held through Orientation Week planned in honor of the college's newest students. The purpose was to introduce SAC members and allow students to get acquainted with the school and have some fun at the same time.

"It was successful because everyone had a good time but I wish that more people had volunteered to wrestle," Randy said.

Randy and Felix staged three different bouts, and got down and dirty with patented moves like DDT, the sleeper and the super fly. At one point the Macho Man pummelled his opponent with a styrofoam two-by-four — a move which should be outlawed — sending the Ultimate President writhing to the canvas of jello.

One ambitious first-year ambulance and emergency care student, Brent Stang, tried to overthrow the student government — literally; Brent offered a personal challenge to Randy.

A fabulous tag-team bout matched Randy and Felix against two first-year challengers, Jim Oddie, ambulance and emergency care, and Rob Burkart, business accounting, in a no-holds-barred jello wrestling classic. The four wrestlers were a mangled mess of limbs and jello but the two challengers managed to defeat the champs with little difficulty.

Randy hopes to have similar exhibitions in the future.

"Next year we are planning Kraft Dinner wrestling," he said.

Comic Larry makes first pub a success

The first pub of the year was a real joke: comedian Larry Smith made sure of it.

Judging from the laughter, the first pub was also a success.

Larry, who is in the second year of theatre arts, is not the prejudiced type: during his show he poked fun at everybody and everything.

Larry Smith

The 22-year-old comedian made fun of drinking and driving, adolescent parties, hangovers and other socially embarrassing scenarios which most everybody found themselves relating to.

"You have to read the crowd," Larry said. "The act I'm doing today is definitely not for senior citizens."

Larry often bore the brunt of his own humor, leaving everybody else off the hook to laugh. This is not to say the young comedian did not know how to work the crowd when he thought it was to his advantage.

Larry, who writes all his own material, has been working the comedy circuit north and south of the border for a couple of years.

His talent has landed him jobs such as "opening" for Rita Coolidge, the internationally famous singer, and regular appearances at Yuk Yuks, in Toronto.

Larry has all the qualities needed to make his act work: a good sense of timing, a keen eye for the physical gag...and he's funny.

Randy Conlon, president of the Student Administrative Council, said he hopes to have Larry back again.

"He was very well received, and it's nice to be able to book somebody who is a member of the college community."

Larry said the ultimate comedian would be a cross between Robin Williams, Bill Cosby, George Carlin and Jay Leno; but anybody who attended the first pub of the year was definitely laughing at Larry Smith.

And, that's no joke.

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OSAP

Notice to All Students Applying for OSAP Assistance

As part of the Northern Relocation Program, the Student Awards Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, responsible for the administration of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), has relocated to Thunder Bay, Ontario.

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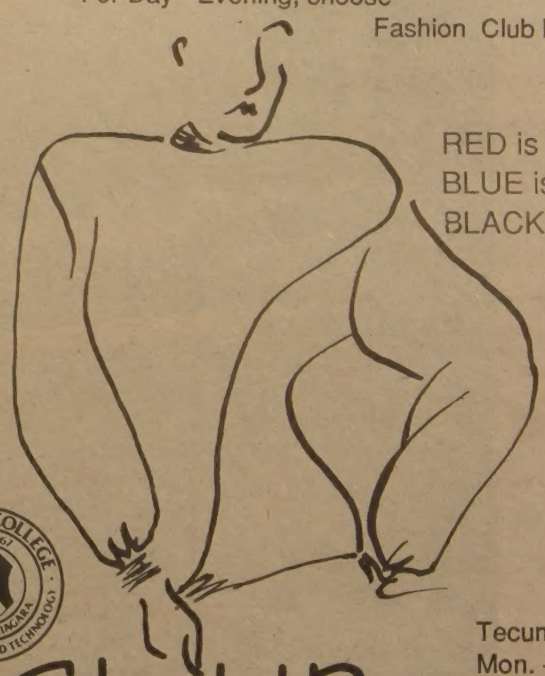

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SAC scores big in new orientation kickoff

Student Council proved to skeptics that making new acquaintances is easy, as long as one is willing to "playfair."

Playfair Canada, a Vancouver-based company, specializes in breaking down social barriers by making the task of meeting new people fun.

About 150 first-year students threw caution to the wind, and participated in the first Playfair ever held at Niagara College.

It is like a game. The players must do the bidding of one person, the Playfair master of ceremonies.

Carla Rieger, the MC this time, said the social ceremony has become a tradition at some of the larger American universities and colleges.

Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs, said he was very pleased with the turn-out considering the fact a Playfair was untried here.

EASED NERVES

If the Student Administrative Council's objective was to bring people together and help relieve some of the nervousness brought on by new surroundings and strange faces, the event was a success.

"People walked in with blank faces and walked out with smiles," Randy Conlon, SAC president, said.

Playfair was the first extracurricular activity scheduled for Orientation Week. To help people meet, the game uses common demonimators like the month one is born; or random selection, such as, pairing off with anybody wearing the same color clothes.

The MC encourages players to ask for standing ovations for themselves; to start an argument with someone they have just met, and then make up; and to decide within the group of new-found friends where they would like their "space station location."

Over the course of about 45 minutes, the players became rhinos, bull moose, Venusians, and Martians; but what's more important is that nameless faces became Bill, the guy who likes Bruce Springsteen; Colleen, the girl who attended university last year; and Terry, who commutes from Dunnville to learn about computers.

With summer slowly turning into autumn, some sport enthusiasts took advantage of the nice weather by hitting the water one last time. This was the scene on the Welland Canal last weekend, as speed boats littered the water, basking in the sun and surf before the chilly fingers of fall head this way.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Contrast the ordinary

Don Slavickas is a self-taught photographer whose interest in black and white expression has been seen in the Hennepin Art Gallery this month.

Subjects of study range from stark contrasts of light and dark in textural compositions to an incredible softness of interpretation not ordinarily associated with the subject matter.

Bags of onions and heads of cabbage appear in foregrounds with nebulous edges against voids of background black, creating a hyper-realism, more than real itself.

Striking still life is not Mr. Slavickas' only achievement — outside shots are not taken for scenic merit so much as to emphasize measures of value and intensity. Glass flatness against stiff stucco walls engulfed by vines of all kinds produce the intangible realness that is thematic in this exhibition.

"I give priority to placement of values...below middle grey... and then apply desired development to the negative," said the former Niagara College student.

Mr. Slavickas came from Australia in 1975 and graduated from mechanical engineering in 1978. He is a semi-professional photographer and has lived in St. Catharines for three years.

Twenty-three photographs have been exhibited at the gallery, marking the second one-man show in Mr. Slavickas' photographic career. The exhibition ends tomorrow.

New SAC rules restrict guests

All people not directly involved in the Student Administrative Council are not allowed past Donna Flutur, office manager, without permission.

This is one of four suggestions made by Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs, at last Monday's SAC meeting to keep the office for SAC business. All four were approved.

SAC guests will not be allowed to use the photocopier or the phones for personal use.

No more than eight guests will be allowed in the SAC office at one time — one per person.

Ministère des Collèges et Universités Ontario — Lyn McLeod, ministre

RAFEO

Note aux étudiants faisant une demande d'aide financière

La Direction de l'aide financière aux étudiants du ministère des Collèges et Universités, qui est responsable de l'administration du Régime d'aide financière aux étudiants de l'Ontario (RAFEO), a déménagé à Thunder Bay en vertu du Programme de décentralisation vers le Nord de l'Ontario.

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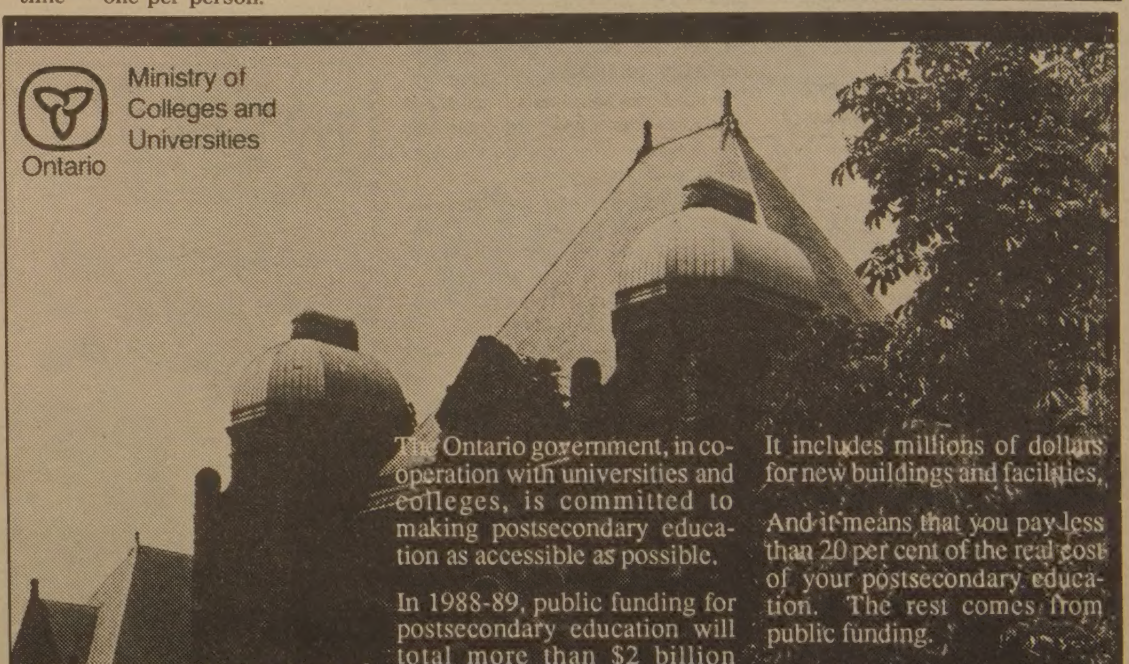

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The years ahead will be challenging ones for you. I hope you are able to make the most of the wealth of opportunities available.

Lyn McLeod

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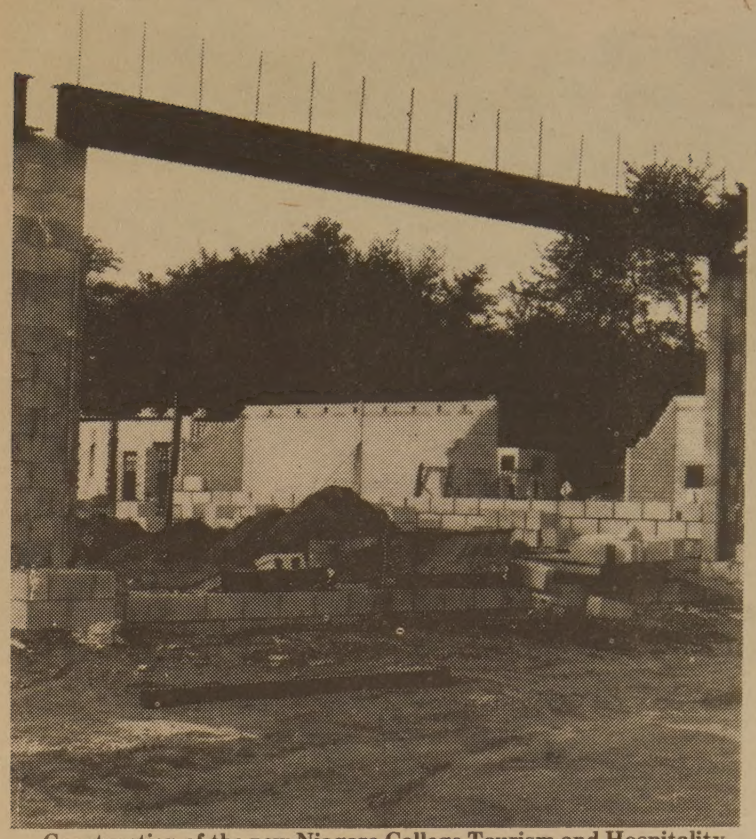

Construction of the new Niagara College Tourism and Hospitality Training Centre in Niagara Falls is officially underway. The $6.5 million centre is scheduled to be completed in June 1989 in time for September classes. The centre will house the Hotel and restaurant Administration, English and French — Tours and Attractions, cook apprenticeship and food preparation programs.

Photo by Margaret Boal

College's new dry wine attempts to blend business and pleasure

Niagara College has its own specially blended wine. And no, college staff are not fermenting, bottling, and labelling is being left to the experts at the Chateau des Charmes winery.

The new "designer" wine, a dry white, will spearhead a campaign by Niagara area restaurants to raise $200,000 contribution toward the new Niagara College Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre scheduled to open in Niagara Falls next autumn.

The wine, sporting a Niagara College label designed by two western-Canadian artists, Don Sawatsky and Dave More, will be sold in area restaurants costing between $15 and $18 per bottle, $5 of which will be donated toward the $6.5-million centre.

Emil Rinderlin, chairman of the centre's fundraising committee, introduced the new wine at a reception held at the Holiday Inn, St. Catharines, Monday Sept. 12.

The wine has developed a panel of local experts, including Mr.Rinderlin, before the reception began. The panel spent more than two hours sampling the different mixtures of the Chateau des Charmes whites until they came up with the perfect blend, one of which Mr. Rinderlin is very excited about. "I feel this is a unique wine. It is quite indicative of the Niagara region."

Mr. Rinderlin, also the owner of Rinderlin's Dining Rooms in Welland, urged restaurant owners in attendance to show their support for the centre by ordering ample supplies of wine. "Your support makes the centre number 1. It is important that the (hospitality) industry provide input and support for this centre of excellence. So please,'Be fruitful and multiply' your orders of this wine."

The fundraising committee expects to sell 6,000 bottles of wine by January.

This wine will be sold to the general public as well as to the restaurants. The winery will donate $5 per case sold to the public. The wine can be purchased through the Chateau des Charmes winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Builders are cooking at Dunn Street site

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The college received a $6 million grant from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, $300,000 from the college's capital allocation (at $150,000 a year for two years) and is hoping to raise $200,000 through fund drives.

The centre, on Dunn Street will house the Hotel and Restaurant Administration, English and French Tourism — Tours and Attractions, cook apprenticeship-basic and advanced; and the food preparation programs.

Neil McGregor, chairman of the hospitality and development division, said the new centre is a greatly needed training facility that will prove beneficial to both students and employers.

"The demand for people in the tourism and hospitality fields far exceeds the number of graduates from these programs," he said. "Last year there were approximately 250 openings in the region for the food preparation area alone.

The centre will be equipped with modern facilities and will provide students with the proper training necessary.

A new training centre was first proposed in 1973, but was not considered as a priority. In 1984, a study financed by the college and the City of Niagara Falls showed there was an increasing demand in the tourism/hospitality industry and a need to consolidate training in one centre. The new centre then became a top priority.

Mr. McGregor said the future in the tourism/hospitality field looks good and the college should be able to better fill the demand.

"I'm optimistic," he said. "I can see great things ahead."

Students win again

Niagara College has done it yet another year. Rob Riselli and Theresa Warburton's film titled Kensington, Toronto won first place in the short documentary category at Telefest '88 in Toronto.

Last year the college won first place in the long film category and for the last five or six years has placed second or third at Telefest in various categories. The CBC competition offers stiff competition as it is open to all the film schools in Ontario. Telefest has categories for radio, television, and film production.

The nine-minute film tries to show "how a community like Kensington market survives in growing Toronto." It portrays the different lifestyles, "yuppy Toronto vs. old world market place," Rob said.

Rob said his first reaction to winning was "a combination of surprise and elation" but "it didn't actually sink in till a week after."

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To Theresa, who wrote and directed the film, winning was a "shock" but it proved "I didn't make a mistake going into the business."

Both students graduated last spring.

Rob now works as an assistant office manager and an inhouse production assistant for Rhapsody Picture Co.

Others working on the film were: George Tougas, editor; Sherri Bondy, sound editor; Stephen Parr and Joe Fabiano, sound; Kirk McCreadie, camera; and Daryl D'amelio, lighting. Elais Petras, co-ordinator of the film program, was executive producer of the film.

"It's a recognition," Mr. Petras said of the award, but you can't "get used to it and feel you should win every year."

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Math quiz causes problems for unsuccessful students

Between 60 and 70 per cent of technology students and 40 per cent of business students failed to score 70 per cent on a basic math test for students at the college Abraham Dief, of the college math department, said.

Mr. Dief said the purpose of testing was to inventory and identify students who lack basic math concepts. Students who failed to score 70 per cent on their test are required to take an extra two hours of math courses per week.

The 1½-hour, 60-question tests conducted from Aug. 22 to Aug 24 were taken by 220 of 300 business students, and 90 of 143 technology students.

The test is being done at community colleges across Ontario

The tests developed by Mr. Dief are designed to test students in basic concepts such as fractions, percentages, decimals, exponents, logarithms, and order of operations. The technology test differs slightly from the business test in that it contains questions on right-angle trigonometry and mensuration.

Mr. Dief feels the testing program is useful and students have been very happy with it.
but Mr. Dief feels Niagara's testing is unique because of the following-up. Students are given specialized help in areas that need attention.

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En 1988-1989, la province consacrera plus de deux milliards de dollars à l'enseignement postsecondaire.
Une partie de ce fonds servira à financer le Régime d'aide financière aux étudiants de l'Ontario (RAFEO), un des programmes d'aide financière aux étudiants les plus efficaces du Canada. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez contacter le bureau de l'aide financière situé sur le campus.
Une autre partie sera affectée au financement de 5 000 nouvelles places, à prix modique, dans les résidences universitaires.
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Sports

On the links

Niagara's varsity golf team was off to Toronto early Wednesday morning to compete in the final tournament this season. Braving the elements in this two-round best-team competition are, left to right, Coach Peter Rylander, Mike Gage, Chris McLean, Dave Morris and Normand E. Guay.

Photo by Gail Atkinson

Hockey Knights face competitive season

When you are at the top, everybody wants to knock you off.

The Niagara College Knights hockey team faces a tough challenge as they set out to defend their 1987-88 International Hockey League championship.

"It will be a dog fight," coach Fred Bassi said. "We will have to work hard this year."

This year's International Collegiate Hockey League will have seven teams battling for the Knights' crown. Buffalo State could be Niagara's toughest competition. They only lost one or two players from last year's squad and should be tough, Mr. Bassi said.

Conestoga College of Kitchener, last year's last place finisher, should improve and they always give Niagara a tough, physical game.

"They don't like to sit in the cellar," Mr. Bassi said.

WILL PLAY HARD

Penn State University who appear to be evolving as the Knights' arch rivals can be expected to play the Knights extra hard this year.

"They hate us. We've beaten them twice in double overtime down there and they can't believe it."

Rounding out the ICHL will be the University of Buffalo, Buffalo State, and this year's new entry in the league, the University of Rochester.

The first practice of the year drew 28 players giving Mr. Bassi a first look at this year's team, though it was too early to tell what kind of team he will have this year.

The Knights have fewer players trying out for this year's team, but Mr. Bassi said he felt there were more quality players.

SAWYER GONE

Mr. Bassi will have a tough time replacing top scorer and leader Blake Sawyer, but he said it looks as if he has a good nucleus coming back.

Returning from last year's team are forwards Chris Vandermeer, Shawn Sexton, Rod Estabrook, Wayne Conn, Mike Meridian, James Ward, and Neal Krulik.

Jim Beattie and Mike Martineau return on defence while playoff hero Jim Darling and Tim Berezowski return in goal.

Mr. Bassi intends to keep four lines of forwards, six defencemen, and three goalies.

The Knights play 18 regular games this season and six exhibition games starting with Conestoga in Kitchener on Oct. 12.

Tennis team at Mohawk College

The varsity tennis team will have boarded a 6 a.m. bus today to compete in a three-day round-robin tournament at Mohawk College, Hamilton.

Playing women's doubles are Pam Spitzer and Ginette Thivierge. Trish Mason is playing women's singles. Men's doubles entries are Mike Richardson and Rene Lanoix. Dave Logan will play men's singles.

The tournament continues until Sunday, Oct. 2. Spectators are encouraged to attend at Mohawk's indoor courts.

Fitness centre now open

Pop over, then pump up

If looking and feeling better, appeals to you, then you might want to check out the Niagara College Fitness Centre, in the Mackenzie Building.

The centre, near the gymnasium, has several pieces of equipment, including a universal gym and an exercise bike.

These facilities are free for students and faculty and are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. If you compare that to the membership fees of today's health clubs, that's a pretty good deal.

The centre also offers a fitness assessment test, which is ideal for motivating students to pursue a more physically fit body. The test focuses on five measurable components of fitness: body weight and composition; cardio-respiratory fitness; muscular strength; muscular endurance; and flexibility.

EASY TO TAKE

This assessment test is easy to take and only requires about 30 to 40 minutes. It includes, push-ups, sit-ups and the "step-test"; which is used to predict maximal oxygen consumption from heart rate response to a given workload.

The test costs students $5, — faculty $10 and members of the community $15 — but provides the student with a personal fitness profile.

Once the test is completed, Judy Halaiko from the athletics department will go over the areas in which improvement is needed and help develop an individual program.

"This test is an excellent way for students to become more physically fit," Miss Halaiko said. "We are here for the students."

Students and faculty who would like to take the test may make an appointment with Miss Halaiko.

Vocational program back on track

Nineteen first-year and seven second-year students are attending the College Vocational program this year — a program that was saved from being cut last spring partly through the strenuous efforts of its students.

Students became politically active to help save their program towards the end of its first year. They appealed to the faculty union, talked to the press, wrote letters to newspapers, and visited members of the provincial legislature.

The aim of the program is to give the basic high school graduate a college education and work experience. It has heavy emphasis on work placement to help students find employment.

"Most students would not have the opportunity to go to college at the post secondary level without this program," Tom Busnarda, co-ordinator, said.

3 TO GENERAL COLLEGE

Of the 11 students in the program last spring, three are now enrolled in general college.

Mr. Busnarda said the program should have about 25 students in each year for the program to support itself. "It is not cost efficient at this time." The college is still accepting students until the middle of October.

There are about 350 basic high school graduates in the peninsula; some are not interested in going to college, but some are not even aware that they can, Mr. Busnarda said.

Mr. Busnarda replaces Harriet Davidson as co-ordinator. Jim Brooks is a full-time staff member working with second-year students; and there are two part-time staff members.

The instruction and curriculum are individualized; different students have different needs and work at their own level and pace.

"What we look for is progress, whether the students progress from where they were when they came in," Mr. Busnarda said.

Volleyball for lunch

The athletic department will serve up fun and fitness on Tuesday and Thursday double lunches this fall with co-ed intramural volleyball.

Entries for the league are due Monday, Oct.3, at 3 p.m.

All that is needed are three men and three women, a name, and a captain.

Games will be during Tuesday and Thursday double lunches from Oct.4 to Oct.27 in the Mackenzie Building Gymnasium.

Only full-time day students students can compete and no intercollegiate volleyball players are allowed.

The teams should also specify which day they can play on.

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Tony Knowles takes charge of academics at Niagara College

Dr. Tony Knowles, former dean of the school of applied science and technology, is looking forward to his "interesting duties" as vice president of academics. His goal is to create a strong program base to move Niagara College ahead.

Dr. Knowles is responsible for all post-secondary programs, adult training, continuing education services, and the Niagara Industrial Advisory Committee (NITAC) — a program in which industry pays the college to train industrial workers.

"I'd like to activate half a dozen initiatives to strengthen the program base of the college while supporting activities which are providing good service, which are needed , and which are wellsubsribed to,in order to achieve a healthy balance of programs," he said.

If approved, suggested initiatives will include the revival of the bilingual secretary program and the library technician program which would include training for information officers. New programs would be culinary arts and three in the manufacturing area, surveying, drafting and refrigeration.

ALREADY APPROVED

A post-diploma program in horticulture has already been approved by the Board of Governors. After completing the two-year program here, students completing the post-diploma program will earn another diploma.

Any new programs will run according to student interest. Most would be cost-efficient co-op programs which tend to attract more students because of the work experience, he said.

Higher enrolment levels would offset education-related costs. Dr. Knowles is considering introducing the co-op structure into other programs. Other initiatives are in various stages, he said.

The college is working to improve the variety of programs to attract as many students as possible, he said.

He is pleased about present enrolment levels, which are about the same as last year. He had been concerned about a possible decrease after bad publicity last spring about budget and program cuts.

An improved morale

The creation of a student-retention program is part of Fred Habermehl's job as internal ombudsman of Niagara College under the reorganization of senior positions.

Formerly the dean of applied arts and health sciences, Mr. Habermehl has been appointed executive dean.

He hopes "to improve staff and student morale and success." In an effort to make students feel more at home, Mr. Habermehl will encourage a more personal touch throughout the college. For example, the process of registration may move from mailbox to telephone.

He is visiting classrooms to welcome students and inform them of the counselling services available if they are having any difficulties. He will work closely with staff and students in an effort aimed at"the retention of students from application to graduation."

PREVENT DROP-OUTS

"Some applications mature into registrations; some don't," he said. Drop-out students are also part of the problem — those whose programs are not suited to them, and who, feeling discouraged, leave without seeking counsel.

To prevent "a bad decision," Mr. Habermehl aims to discover problems, expectations and needs. "It is a question of serving the students," he said. "We are here to meet student needs."

As executive dean, Mr. Habermehl will be responsible for the professional development programs for senior faculty members and support staff. These programs hone teaching skills and methods, update academic curriculums and include retirement planning. He will also be liaison officer with the Student Administrative Council and the Student Senate at St. Catharines campus.

CO-ORDINATE REVIEWS

Mr. Habermehl will co-ordinate operational reviews. As co-ordinator of operational reviews, he sits on the steering committee which is responsible for directing the review process and which gives direction to the review committees.

Mr. Habermehl must combine his own report with those of nine review committees across the college to form one report that will go the Board of Governors and then to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Van der Slagt enjoys new duties

Hans van der Slagt, former dean of business, is still involved in business; now it's just from a different angle.

He feels his new role as vice-president of administration will be "an exciting challenge."

Mr. van der Slagt, who is enjoying his new duties, is responsible for seven college services: registration, property and plant, marketing and information, financial, internal auditor, student services and computer.

"All (departments) provide an important support for the college," Mr. van der Slagt said.

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Administration

tions and marketing and information."

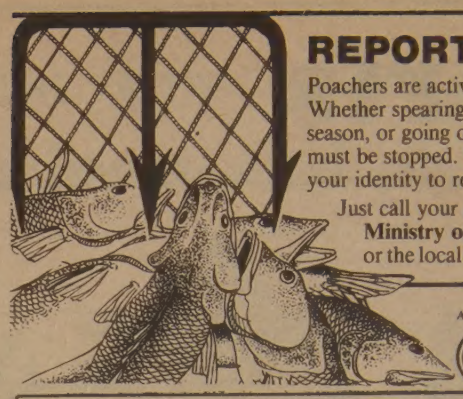
Miss Robarts said the college operation will be more efficient with one vice-president concentrating on academics and the other on finances.

Mr. Habermehl will handle a vast quantity of special assignments. Miss Robarts said his most important task is to find ways to retain students once they are enrolled. "At present, there is a 40 per cent attrition rate," she said.

Another major task facing Mr. Habermehl is to improve student and staff morale, which suffered significantly during last year's budget cuts.

The final staff member reporting to Miss Robarts is George Repar, director of planning, research, and development. Mr. Repar's main function is to find ways of generating revenue for the college.

Some ideas he is looking into include securing more federal grants and training dollars and recruiting more international students.



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